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ON DEC. 4, 1976, PRESIDENT BOKASSA PROCLAIMED HIMSELF EMPEROR AND A NEW CONSTITUTION MAKING THE COUNTRY A PARLIAMENTARY MONARCHY WAS INTRODUCED.

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